# ABC-WI News Release

# 2024 *New Wineskins* Grant Recipients & Updates

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**The New Wineskins Grant Program was on hiatus during the interim period between regional executive ministers, but resumed in 2023 with a round of applications for fast-track grants of up to $2500. Administered by the New Wineskins Grant Committee made up of regional staff, a local pastor, and a representative of the Finance Committee, two projects were awarded:**

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**"Messy Church/Community Together" is a new ministry reaching families for whom traditional Sunday morning worship may be a barrier. "Messy Church" is a "way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Found throughout the globe. Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ."**

**Hosted at the Federated Church of Green Lake, "Messy Church" also known as "Community Together" seeks to create a worship opportunity in which each participant is actively engaged and contributes to the learning and growth of the whole group. Participants will be given opportunities to minister to one another. A leadership team will plan the monthly worship, prepare materials and a meal, but the participants will give it shape as we discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst.**

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**“CONNECT”** **is a new youth ministry that is a follow-up to the Annual meeting of the ABC Wisconsin. Youth who attend the meetings were inspired by the bold witness of Daniel and expressed a desire to honor the Lord Jesus Christ through their lives to our pastor. Discovering their God given-gifts and how to use them is the goal. CONNECT will explore the youth’s current role at FBC and how God plans for their future as leaders in the church.**

**Hosted at the First Baptist Church of Waukesha, CONNECT enhances the Multicultural Mission of the congregation reaching diverse communities, modeling reconciliation, and demonstrating unity as a witness of the Gospel.**

*A midway report and celebration took place on May 22nd at Parkside 23 Restaurant.*

**This program is made possible through the partnership of the American Baptist Foundation, where the New Wineskins Endowment is managed. To learn more about the New Wineskins program, click HERE.**